



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

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Crist takeover
by 26.5
by 1970 11-28-65
in speech to Powderhorn
Baptist Church
- Minneapolis*

MR. ERNIE LAZAR
APARTMENT NUMBER 6
577 SOUTH THORNHILL ROAD
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92264 7884

December 5, 2007

*Minneapolis
100-12138
#6--#37
1/9/51 ~~1952~~ → 12/2/65*

Subject: GOFF, KENNETH (YEARS 1951, 1955-1965)
FOIPA No. 1093108- 000

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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+ POA GFF
+ Dean Acheson*

33 page(s) were reviewed and 33 page(s) are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

- ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a stylized flourish or number "3".

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

Material responsive to your specific request is enclosed.

[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The reason I am writing is for personal information concerning a man named Kenneth Goff who now is in the ministry and has written a book **DEFERR** "Why I left the Communist Party".

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This man is speaking at several of our churches. However, if he is not what he is stating I do not want him at my church.

I would appreciate hearing at once from you.
Trusting you had a joyous New Year!

Sincerely Yours,
[REDACTED]

100-12138-6

January 15, 1951

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Dear [redacted]:

Your letter postmarked January 9, 1951, has been received.

While I appreciate the interest which prompted your inquiry, I must advise that according to Departmental regulations the files of this Bureau are confidential and for official use only. I am sure that upon reflection you will realize the necessity for such a regulation and that no inference will be drawn from my inability to be of assistance to you that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

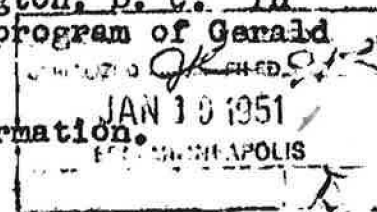
Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - SAC, Minneapolis (w/encl) ✓

Bureau files reflect that Kenneth Goff has been engaged during the past several years in a nation wide tour during the course of which he has given anti-Communist lectures of a sensational nature. In February 1948 Goff was fined \$100.00 for placing signs of a derogatory nature in front of the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C. In 1949 he was reported to be promoting the program of Gerald L. K. Smith in Denver, Colorado.

This is furnished for your information.



TRUE COPY

THE UNITED CHURCH

CHAMBERLAIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

June 16, 1951

FBI

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am interested in learning how much of what Kenneth Goff says is true. For instance, he states that the FBI checks every city in which he is scheduled to speak, so that there are no Communists there who might assassinate him. Does the FBI clear every city for Communists for the sake of Kenneth Goff? If you do, of course it is no secret, for he states that you do.

He also states definitely that Dean Acheson is a Communist. Also that Eleanor Roosevelt is a Communist. Are there a hundred Communist stars in Hollywood?

I shall appreciate any information you can give me as to how reliable this man is.

Respectfully yours,

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June 27, 1951

NR
[redacted]
The United Church
Chamberlain, South Dakota

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter of June 16, 1951, with enclosure, has been received. In response to your inquiry, I thought you might like to know that it is not within the prescribed authority of this Bureau to take the action indicated by the individual you mentioned.

While I would like to be of service, a policy of long standing holds information in the files of the FBI confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference as to whether we do or do not have the desired data in view of my inability to be of assistance.

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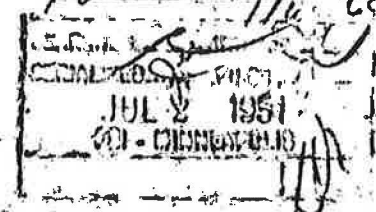
I am enclosing some material which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

100-2549-15
105-1-159



cc: Minneapolis with copies of incoming
Denver with copies of incoming
ATTENTION SACS: Correspondent enclosed a flyer which reads
"I Was Stalin's Agent. Kenneth Goff, former communist leader
will reveal: Will Russia invade America? The secret plot to
seize America! 100 Red Stars in Hollywood! His life story
from communism to Christ! At a special meeting.. Friday,
June 15th, 8:00 p.m., Assembly of God Church, Chamberlain,
S. Dak. Mr. Goff was formerly a leader in the communist party.

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He was assigned by Stalin's agents in the United States to work among young people and help bring about a bloody Red revolution. He fought the church. He fought the American way of life. He plotted the death of officials and Christian leaders. He used a number instead of a name. He worked with Red plotters from New York and Hollywood. While a communist he was invited by Eleanor Roosevelt to be a guest at the White House."

The SAC at Denver is requested to direct an experienced Agent to interview Kenneth Goff at his residence in Englewood, Colorado and effectively request him to desist from making any claim that the FBI sends Agents out to the communities wherein Goff is scheduled to speak for the purpose of clearing dangerous communists from the area. Goff should also be told that he should not in any manner utilize the name of the FBI in any other untrue sense.

[REDACTED]

F. B. I.

Washington D.C.

Oct 27th 1951

Dear Sirs:

I've read in books written by Kenneth
Buff, P.O. Box 116, Englewood Calif. who was a Communist spy
and was converted in America. He talks of the great
numbers of Communists in America and many thousands
of ministers who are Communist. Now what I would
like to know is, is it true that in the Federal Council
of Churches that [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] are Communists?

We belong to the Evangelical United Brethren
Church and I absolutely don't want to support anything
that has anything to do with a Communist. Our church
belongs to the Federal or World Council of Churches.

Kenneth Buff has been in several towns near here
giving talks, about Russia and the ways and the ways in
which the Communists are trying to overrun America.

This situation has me concerned, over the coming
generation as well as the present time.

What can we do about this?
Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

100-12138-40

November 5, 1951

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated October 27, 1951, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that according to a Departmental regulation information contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and for official use only.

However, no inference should be drawn that we do or do not have in our files the information which you have requested due to my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc: Minneapolis (with copies of incoming)

Bureau files fail to reflect any identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Bureau files do reflect the receipt of several allegations over the past several years that the Federal Council of Churches is a Communist front or subject to Communist infiltration or influence. An investigation confined to contacts with confidential informants was conducted by the New York Office in 1950 concerning this organization. The informants advised they had no knowledge of any Communist or subversive activities on the part of the Federal Council. The Federal Council of Churches has issued a publication condemning Communism. 100-983-V-E-1 p. 8

Bureau files reflect that Kenneth Goff during recent years has been engaged in a nation-wide tour during the course of which he has given anti-Communist lectures of a sensational nature. In February, 1948, Goff was fined \$100 for placing signs of a derogatory nature in front of the Russian Embassy at Washington, D. C. In 1949, he was reported to be promoting the program of Gerald L. K. Smith at Denver, Colorado.

Sioux Falls, S. D.
November 21, 1951

MEMO FOR SAC: Attention SA [redacted]

[redacted] brought into the Resident Agency a pamphlet by Kenneth Goff:
"Confessions of Stalin's Agent".

[redacted] thought the pamphlet good reading and
said if we wanted to we could keep the pamphlet and if not it could
be returned to him and he would pass it on to someone else.

I am enclosing the pamphlet and if you want it keep
it, if not, return to me and I will give it back to [redacted].

[redacted], SA

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[Redacted]

Jan 10, 1956

Postal Inspector
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed anonymous papers are the second in a series of such literature(?) I have been receiving. I am not a Jew but I have no patience with creators of race hatreds - nor religious prejudices. This sounds to me like a communist trick. It is doubtless one of many such letters that have been sent to names on a list. Note only printed, pencil comments on papers. Also printed address. The first letter with my name mis-spelled, came from Excelsior Minn. this from St. Paul. I abominate such stuff, and hope you can trace the writer, to the end that this flow of slush be stopped.

Sincerely -

[Redacted]

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MINNESOTA
NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
POST OFFICE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
AND QUOTE

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
INSPECTION SERVICE
POST OFFICE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA,
January 11, 1956.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
412 WCCO Building,
625 Second Avenue South,
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a letter received from [redacted]
[redacted], containing
anonymous literature for any action deemed appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

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Room 412, WCCO Building
625 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota
January 16, 1956

[REDACTED]
U. S. Post Office
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 11, 1956,
enclosing material received by [REDACTED].

You may be sure it will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

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C. B. HOWARD
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
F.B.I.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

This is another envelope which I received today in the mail. I have pasted a sticker over my name so that you could see the return addressee.

Since I don't care to receive this kind of mail I would be interested to know what I could do. My letter to the editor printed in the Star, seemed to have caused some comment. Even tho I would like to be considered a good writer, intelligent, etc.; this leads me to believe that I'm on the wrong side of the fence and slipping towards a leftist attitude however, that was not the intent and my letter seems to have been misconstrued.

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I am doing reporting for the Bloomington Sun, with a by-line and am a faithful member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale So. - choir member. Also I am the mother of three boys and the wife of a carpenter-husband so I fall in the average class of people. What can I do to prevent this type of trash?

If you have any suggestions that I could carry out - I will gladly comply.

Respectfully,
[redacted]

Enclosed with this letter was various matl. from "Defender Book & Bible House, Wichita, Kansas", including:

"The Jewish Power", by Kenneth Goff, Englewood, Colo. & "Conspiracy, The Philip Dru Case", both distributed by Defenders Publisher of Defenders of Christian Faith, Wichita, Kansas.

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412 WCCO Building
625 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 9, 1956

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter addressed to Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office in which you enclosed material received from the Defender Book and Bible House, Wichita, Kansas.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated and it will receive appropriate attention.

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As to the inquiry regarding how to stop this material, it can be suggested that you report this matter to the Postal Inspectors or communicate directly with the senders.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature]

C. B. HOWARD
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA.

November 12, 1959

Mr. W. H. Williams,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Room 412,
WCCO Building,
625 Second Avenue South,
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Transmitted herewith is a letter addressed to [redacted]
turned into the postmaster's office, St. Paul, Minnesota,
for any action deemed appropriate.

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Sincerely yours,

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Room 412, WCCO Building
625 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

November 16, 1959

[redacted]
Post Office Department
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear [redacted]:

I am in receipt of your letter dated
November 12, 1959, enclosing the letter addressed
to [redacted].

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I wish to thank you for making this material
available.

Very truly yours,


W. H. WILLIAMS
Special Agent in Charge

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ACM:sss,
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1 CC: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (Encs. 3)(Info)

ENCLOSURES TO SAN FRANCISCO:

An envelope addressed to [redacted]
[redacted], enclosing a printed letter
and a mimeographed article reprinted and distributed by
Health Research, Mokelumne Hill, Calif. The above printed
letter was signed by OLIVER KENNETH GOFF.

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TRUE COPY

Nov. 30, 1959

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

We are hoping that you will be able to help us.
I have enclosed a copy of a statement of a Oliver Kenneth Goff.
Is this statement true?

This is very important to us as a whole community
will be affected by your answer.

I beleive in this quotation by Plato:

People & things change Principles & facts-NEVER.
"The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs
is to be ruled by evil men."

Please answer this as soon as you can.

Thank you very much,

/s/ [redacted]

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December 2, 1959

[Redacted]
Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 30, 1959, with its enclosure, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

① - Minneapolis (Enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The enclosure to correspondent's letter was a copy of an affidavit executed by Oliver Kenneth Goff in which he alleges that fluoridation of water supplies is a part of the communist conspiracy. This affidavit has been brought to the Bureau's attention on numerous occasions. Goff claims to have

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NOTE TO MINNEAPOLIS, CONTINUED

been a member of the Communist Party prior to 1939 and in recent years has toured the country lecturing on communism. He has written a number of articles on brain washing and fluoridation of water supplies which have been given wide circulation. Goff has been described by the Denver Office as a borderline psychopath.

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Ex-Red to Speak

Kenneth Goff, former member of the Communist party, will speak at a series of meetings at 8 p.m. daily, Thurs-

day through Monday, at River-Lake Gospel tabernacle; River Dr. and E. Lake St. Sunday meetings will be at 11 a.m. and 3:30 and 7:15 p.m.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-12138)

DATE: 4/13/60

FROM : CORRELATION CLERK [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENNETH GOFF
SM - C

Rev. KENNETH GOFF was interviewed on 9/11/51 at the Leamington Hotel, Mpls. (The Bureau had advised Denver that former informant [REDACTED] had in his possession certain letters alleging that Sec'y of State DEAN ACHESON was formerly in a CP cell in Wash., D.C. These letters were exchanged between Rev. GOFF & [REDACTED], a retired banker & rabid anti-Communist from Colorado Springs, Colo.) GOFF was unable to furnish specific information regarding ACHESON's affiliation with the CP. GOFF stated that during a closed session which was conducted after the Nat'l Conv. of the YCL in 5/37 the newly elected Nat'l Comm., of which Rev. GOFF was a member, held a discussion which was lead by [REDACTED] on infiltration into the government.

[REDACTED] stated, according to GOFF, that they had penetrated into the offices of the Agriculture & State Dept. and an infiltration of 2800 CP members & fellow travelers in Wash., D.C. ~~XXXX~~

✓ GOFF denied ever saying or writing that DEAN ACHESON was part of this CP cell. ([REDACTED] had stated that the first CP cell in D.C. was started in 1933 & was made up of graduates of eastern universities). He claimed that he had never met or was personally acquainted with ACHESON. GOFF further stated that he had no specific information regarding ACHESON but "felt" to the best of his knowledge, that ACHESON was a member up to the time that GOFF quit the Party in 1939. He stated he had no facts to back up this statement. GOFF could not recall ever corresponding with any individuals regarding ACHESON. (GOFF was here on a speaking engagement at the time of the interview).

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[REDACTED] undercover man, who was a CP member from 8/40 to 8/41 - Seamen's Branch, Waterfront Section, on an unknown date furnished a list of 285 persons considered CP members. This in-

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formation is found in the N.Y. rpt of SA [redacted]
dated 2/28/42 re: NATIONAL MARITIME UNION. The
informant lists a KENNETH COFF, Nat'l Maritime Union
delegate to the Young Communist League, as a member.

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100-0-8777, 8279, 7100, 9314a, 9327; 105-1-159;
100-4156-205; 100-2549-15; trans. to subject's file.

100-1519-33; 100-6335-127 not pertinent.

100-9006-5 covered in 100-6239-6 which is covered in
this memo.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

July 7, 1960

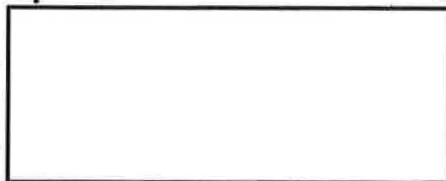
Mr. W. H. Williams
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
625 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Williams:

Transmitted herewith for your consideration are two
publications recently turned into this office.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachments:

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]
July 19, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Very recently, a former member of the Communist Party, Kenneth Goff, (Alias, John Keats) lectured in our community. However, many people did not believe him, and they say that he is a fake and a liar. Could you send me any record or recommendation proving that he was a member of the Communist Party and that he has come out of the Communist Party? I understand that you have recommended his book, "Strange Fire".

Is it possible to obtain a list of people who are card-carrying members of the Communist Party?

I would also like to mention that your book, "Master of Deceit" was very helpful to me.

Thankyou for your reply.

Yours truly,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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| FBI - MINNEAPOLIS | |

July 27, 1960

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated July 19, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. In keeping with this policy, I can state I have never made any statements concerning the book to which you refer.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

It is indeed gratifying to know that my book, "Masters of Deceit," has been of some help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Minneapolis (enclosure)
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ATTENTION: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

✓ Bufiles reveal that Kenneth Goff claims to have been a member of the Communist Party prior to 1939 and, in recent years has been touring the country lecturing on communism. ✓ He has been described by the Denver Office as a borderline psychopath. He has written a number of articles on brainwashing and fluoridation of water supplies associating these with the communist conspiracy. He has afforded his writings wide distribution.

Bufiles reveal that "Strange Fire," written by Kenneth Goff, deals with communist infiltration of religion.

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A PETITION CALLING UPON THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO

OUTLAW THE COMMUNIST PARTY

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, believing that the continued existence in our Nation of an admitted "fifth column" organization, pledged to support the revolutionary program of Soviet Russia rather than the Constitution of the United States is inimical to the continued welfare and security of the United States of America, do herewith call upon the Congress of the United States, to take whatever acts are necessary to make membership in the Communist Party a crime against the government of the United States, and further, to require that all persons teaching or spreading Communist propaganda immediately register as agents of a foreign government.

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As soon as this petition is filled, mail it to ANTI COMMUNIST LEAGUE

P. O. Box 257, Englewood, Colorado

(ADDITIONAL PETITIONS WILL BE FURNISHED UPON REQUEST)

Ex-Communist To Speak Here

A former influential communist in America, Kenneth Goff of Englewood, Colo., will speak in the Kenmare Multipurpose auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. Following Mr. Goff's message each evening there will be time for questions and answers.

Kenneth Goff was a member of the Communist Party from May 2, 1936, to October 9, 1939. He voluntarily appeared in 1939 before the Dies



Kenneth Goff

Committee in Washington, D. C., and gave 300 pages of testimony concerning his work and activity, which can be found in Volume 9 of the Dies Committee Report. Congressman Dies, in his book, "The Trojan Horse in America", states that Mr. Goff gave them some of the most vital testimony that they had received, and backed up his testimony with documentary evidence.

Mr. Goff was recruited into the Communist Party at 113 East Wells Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by Eugene Dennis, now National Secretary of the Communist Party,

October 27, 1960

Dear Sir:

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I attended a lecture by Kenneth Goff, Ex-communist. After the lecture there was a question and answer period. He had hinted Eleanor Roosevelt was affiliated with the Communist party. I asked if Eleanor Roosevelt was a Communist. He hadn't seen her card, He said, but said she acted as a communist, associated with communists, and he would therefore say she was a communist. Is this true?

There were two meetings in our town and at the last one there was a free will offering. Books and subscriptions were being sold. The books I bought were: Brain-Washing Psychopallitics, Confessions of Stalin's Agents, One World A Red World, and Red Shadows, all written by Kenneth Goff. These books are being distributed among our young people. Is the material in these books true? Is he a bona fide ex-communist or is it a money-making scheme?

After the meeting I went up and talked to him. He didn't seem "to be able to look me in the eye". He had tremendous power to sway audiences, especially young people.

A petition calling upon the congress of the United States to Outlaw the Communist party was circulated in the crowd. I was approached to start an anti-communist league. What does the Bureau think of this?

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I sincerely hope Mr. Goff is sincere.

Respectfully yours,

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Room 412, WCCO Building
625 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

November 3, 1960

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your
letter dated October 27, 1960.

In answer to your inquiry, it is necessary
that I advise you that the Federal Bureau of
Investigation is a fact-finding agency and does not
issue clearances or opinions concerning any individual
or organization. I am, therefore, unable to advise
you in any way concerning the Anti Communist League.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Williams
W. H. WILLIAMS
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-0)

DATE: Nov. 30, 1960

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: Rev. KENNETH GOFF
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On October 31, 1960, a person who signed his name as [redacted] of [redacted], slipped a note under the Resident Agency door, in which note he inquired regarding the sincerity of the subject in his fight against Communism. [redacted] continued in his note by stating that GOFF was from Englewood, Colorado, and claimed to have been a Communist who was now crusading against that element. [redacted] also said that GOFF has much literature in circulation and has appeared personally only recently in Bismarck and Crosby, North Dakota, going to Canada from there.

[redacted] in his note, expressed a desire to have a personal interview concerning this matter.

On November 22, 1960, [redacted] could not be located at [redacted], where he is a farmer four miles east and a mile south of town.

On the same day contact was had with [redacted] wife of [redacted], and she was asked to communicate to [redacted] the efforts of the reporting agent to contact him and to also advise him that he should furnish any literature or additional information concerning GOFF by letter to the writer at the Fargo Residency.

[redacted] then volunteered that [redacted] has a reputation in the community of being a "radical" who is rabid on this subject and other subjects from time to time. She said, however, that she would have her husband get in contact with [redacted] so that he might furnish all the available information and material that he had concerning the subject.

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Dear Sirs:

Oliver, Kenneth Goff

I heard a talk by Kenneth Hoff lately, and he gave the following names as communists behind the writing of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Please let me know if these men are communists, I am giving the colleges with which they are affiliated

Walter Russell Bowie - 100-9-2284 (Punk) - Union Theological Seminary

waiting for a quick reply
Thank you

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Room 412, WCCO Building
625 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

May 5, 1961

[Redacted]
Dear [Redacted]:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter dated April 28, 1961.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is strictly an investigative agency and information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. The Federal Bureau of Investigation makes no evaluations or recommendations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. My inability to furnish any comment should not be interpreted as implying that we do or do not have the information in our files concerning the individuals whom you inquired.

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I wish to thank you for the spirit which prompted you to make this inquiry and if in the future anything comes to your attention which may be of interest to this Bureau, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

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W. H. WILLIAMS
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SSAC (100-~~8~~) 12138

DATE: 12/2/65

FROM :

[REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: KENNETH GOFF
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On 12/2/65 [REDACTED], tele. [REDACTED], stated they attend Powderhorn Baptist Church, Mpls. and on Sunday, Nov. 28, 1965, morning and evening, and on Mon. & Tue., both afternoon and evenings, subject spoke at the church. He is reported to be the Director of the "Soldiers of The Cross", Englewood, Colorado. He claims to be an ex-communist-converted to christianity. [REDACTED] was not in attendance at any of these meetings. [REDACTED] attended two sessions. She said subject made statements as follows: CP will take over the U.S. in 1970; Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald were communists; The CP is responsible for recent air crashes in the U.S.; CP also behind electrical blackout in NE U.S., 11/9/65. These comments are all she could remember. People who attended were pretty upset afi after hearing subject.

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